

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104–329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and the bill was then referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10521.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESSES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held a hearing to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Acting Deputy Secretary, Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project, all of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned

mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas D. Shope, Chief of Staff, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Evan J. Green, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; Steve Hohmann, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Frankfort, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; Joe Shirley, Jr., The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Andrew McElwaine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Land Campaign; Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Daniel J. Kane, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Lorraine Lewis, UMW Health and Retirement Funds, and David Finkenbinder, National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine energy supplies in Eurasia and implications for U.S. energy security, including the region's potential to uncover additional reserves and expand production in coming years with the participation of U.S. energy companies, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions and Commodities; Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Alastair Ferguson, TNK–BP, Moscow, Russia; J. Robinson West, PFC Energy, and Zeyno Baran, The Nixon Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael T. Klare, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts.

ALTERNATIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine assessing progress in the Federal government regarding alternative personnel systems, focusing on systems to learn where personnel systems have been successfully employed and what steps have been taken in their development to ensure effective implementation and

operation, after receiving testimony from Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Jeffery K. Nulf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Hratch G. Semerjian, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; Arleas Upton Kea, Director, Division of Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and C. Morgan Kinghorn, Jr., National Academy of Public Administration, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine

housing-related programs for the poor, focusing on existing challenges in measuring improper rent subsidy payments in housing assistance programs at HUD, as well as Federal oversight of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, after receiving testimony from James M. Martin, Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, and Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Josephine Bias Robinson, Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3897–3926; 1 private bill, H.R. 3927; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68; H. Con. Res. 250–254; and H. Res. 460–461, 463–467 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 2491, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, with an amendment (Rept. 109–235); H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3402) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 (Rept. 109–236); and H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, with an amendment (Rept. 109–237).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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SUSPENSIONS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act: H.R. 3863, amended, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for the reallocation rules in the Campus-Based Aid programs, and to extend the deadline by which funds have to be reallocated to institutions of higher education due to a natural disaster;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after-school programs: H.J. Res. 66, to support the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after-school programs, by a ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 494;

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Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building”;

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Randall D. Shugbart Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West